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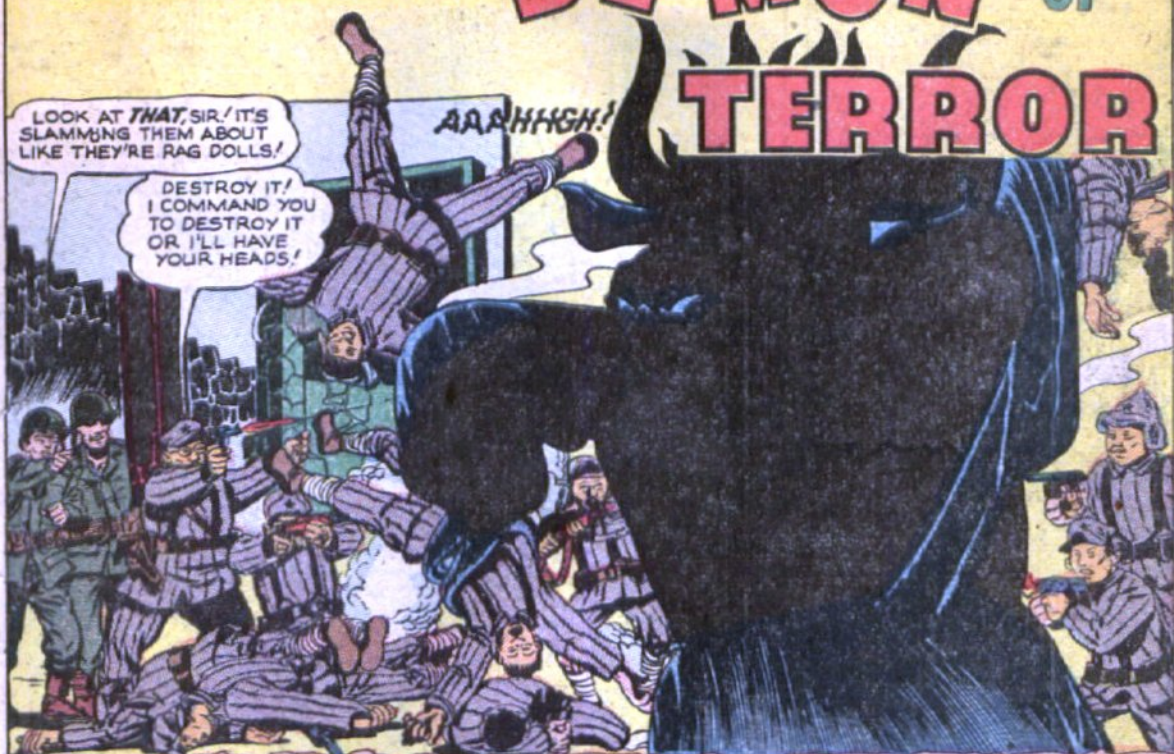
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LOOK AT *THAT*, SIR! IT'S SLAMMING THEM ABOUT LIKE THEY'RE RAG DOLLS!

DESTROY IT!
I COMMAND YOU
TO DESTROY IT
OR I'LL HAVE
YOUR HEADS!

HERE IS AN UNBELIEVABLE AND FANTASTIC STORY! IF I TELL IT IN ITS ENTIRETY, I SHOULD BE JUDGED INSANE, EVEN WITH A RELIABLE WITNESS... YET EVERY DAY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH, UNEXPLAINABLE THINGS OCCUR WHICH SEEM TO HAVE NO EXPLANATION... HOWEVER, LET ME TELL MY STORY AND YOU JUDGE FOR YOURSELF...!

MY NAME IS JOHN PALMER, TEACHER OF FAR EASTERN HISTORY AT A NEW ENGLAND STATE UNIVERSITY... ONE DAY BEFORE CLASSES, I RECEIVE MY DAILY MAIL!

SO I LEAVE MY CLASSES AND ONCE MORE RETURN TO THE COLORS! I WAS AN OFFICER IN WORLD WAR II!

LT. PALMER, RESERVES, REPORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!

AT EASE, PALMER! GLAD TO HAVE YOU! WE NEED EXPERTS ON FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS!

'WHAT IS IT, JOHN? YOU HAVE A THOUGHTFUL LOOK ABOUT YOU!

WITH GOOD REASON, DR. CLARK! YOU KNOW I'M IN THE ARMY RESERVE... I JUST RECEIVED MY RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY!



MOST LIKELY, PALMER, YOU'LL BE STATIONED IN INTELLIGENCE, YOU'LL BE BRIEFED MORE FULLY AFTER YOU'VE BEEN ASSIMILATED. I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

YES, SIR!



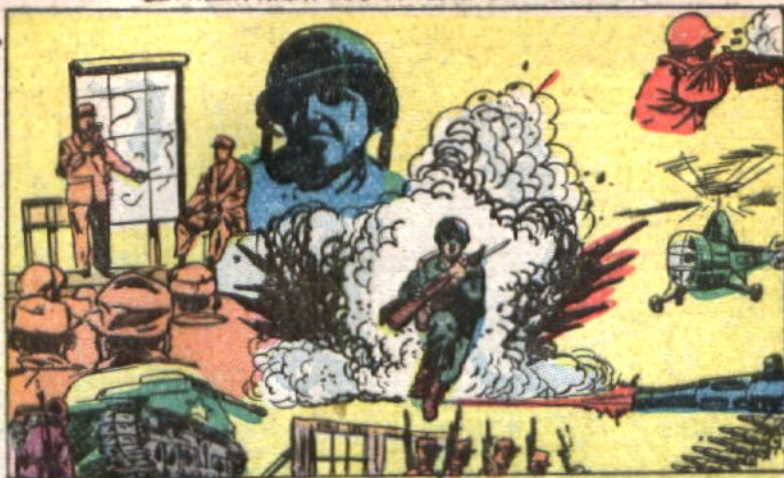
THEN, THE RE-TRAINING COURSES END...AND I KNOW THAT SOON WE'LL BE HEADING FOR THAT PORT OF EMBARKATION!

WELL, IT'S COME, PALMER. WORD JUST CAME THROUGH, WE'RE BEING SHIPPED TO A WEST COAST CAMP FOR ASSIGNMENT!

WELL, THINGS ARE REALLY POPPING, EH, CLINT!



THEN CAME MY ASSIMILATION...ELEVEN WEEKS OF STIFF INFANTRY TRAINING AND CLASSES, NIGHTS OF MORE STUDIES SQUEEZED BETWEEN NIGHT MANEUVERS AND MARCHES...



AT THE EMBARKATION PORT!

YOU MEN WILL BE ASSIGNED TO YOUR PROSPECTIVE OUTFITS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, MEANWHILE, CLASSES WILL CONTINUE!



LT. PALMER, YOU'RE WANTED AT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT ONCE!



SIT DOWN, LIEUTENANT! YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASSIGNED TO THIS INFANTRY REGIMENT AT THE HEADQUARTERS INTELLIGENCE UNIT! YOU WILL BE MORE FULLY BRIEFED THERE.

THANK YOU, SIR! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!



I ARRIVED AT MY NEW OUTFIT SHORTLY BEFORE IT WAS TO EMBARK!

NOW, PALMER, I UNDERSTAND YOU SERVED IN THE ORIENT IN THE LAST WAR!

YES, SIR! I WAS ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIFTH AND FAR EAST AIR FORCE, INFORMATION DIVISION!

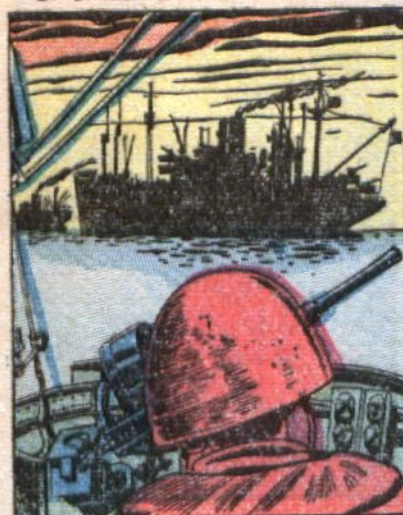


WELL, I HOPE IT STANDS YOU IN GOOD STEAD! AS YOU KNOW, WE NEED ALL THE KNOWLEDGE WE CAN GET ON THE FAR EAST.

I KNOW SOME ABOUT THAT LAND, I TAUGHT CLASSES ON THE SUBJECT!



THEN...THE LONG OCEAN TRIP.
MONOTONOUS...JUST SEAS, DAY
AFTER MONOTONOUS DAY, BROKEN
BY DRILL AND MORE CLASSES!



WELL,
THERE,
IT IS,
JOE...
KOREA!

I FOR ONE WILL BE
GLAD TO HIT SHORE, I'M
NOT MUCH FOR OCEAN
VOYAGES!



AH,
GOOD
OLD
TERRA
FIRMA!

ALWAYS COMPLAININ'!
YA NEVER HAD IT
SO GOOD!

WHAT'RE YOU
BARKIN' ABOUT,
TENNESSEE! YOU'RE
WEARIN' YER FIRST
PAIR OF SHOES!



IT WAS GOOD NATURED BANTER. I KNEW AS LONG
AS THEY GRIPED MILDLY, THEY WERE IN GOOD
SPIRITS! THEY WERE A FINE GROUP OF BOYS
AND I WAS PROUD TO SERVE WITH THEM!

ALL RIGHT!
FALL IN! WE
MARCH OUT
AT ONCE!



THEN CAME THE LONG TRIP TOWARD THE FRONT...
PARTLY BY TRUCK, BUT MOSTLY BY FOOT...

WE'RE GETTING
CLOSE TO THE LINES,
SERGEANT, DEPLOY
SKIRMISHERS!

YES, SIR!



I DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME, I WAS
SOON ATTACHED TO AN S 2 UNIT
AND SOON BEGAN SIFTING INFOR-
MATION THAT TRICKLED IN!

SIR, WE HAVE
A KOREAN THAT
CLAIMS HE HEARD
RUMORS FROM
THE INHABITANTS
THAT THERE'S A
MYSTERY TEMPLE
OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!

FINE, CORPORAL,
I'LL SPEAK
TO HIM NOW!
WE MIGHT
TRACK DOWN
STOLEN
TREASURE
OR SOME-
THING ON
THAT LINE!



I TALKED TO THE KOREAN, HE
HAD BEEN FORCED TO FLEE WHEN
THE ENEMY OVER-RAN THE
SURROUNDING COUNTRY!

YES, SIR! I HEAR FROM
PEOPLE ON KONJI MOUNTAIN,
I HEAR OF TEMPLE OF
MYSTERY! I SHOW WHERE
IS ON MAP... SO!

HMMM!





IT COULD BE A WAREHOUSE OF CONFISCATED ART TREASURES OR COULD BE ANOTHER RELIGIOUS TEMPLE WITH NATIVE GODS!

SIR, I HEAR MUCH OF DEVIL GOD GUARDING TEMPLE!

THE NEXT DAY STARTS WITH A TREMENDOUS ARTILLERY BARRAGE, AIR SUPPORT, AND AN INFANTRY PUSH! THIS IS NO PROBING ATTEMPT TO TEST THE ENEMY, BUT AN ALL OUT ATTACK, THE REDS ARE SLAMMED BACK WITH HEAVY LOSSES, AND IT IS MILES BEFORE THEY PUT UP ANY RESISTANCE.



WE DROVE THEM BACK TEN MILES, BUT THEIR RESISTANCE IS GETTING STIFFER!

THEY'LL TRY TO GET BACK THEIR LOST GROUND, SIR!



THAT NIGHT! HMMM! KONJI MOUNTAIN IS BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES, PALMER! THAT'S IN THE PERIMETER OF OUR NEXT ATTACK!

I'D LIKE TO JOIN THE ATTACKING FORCES, SIR! WE MAY BE ON THE TRAIL OF SOMETHING BIG!



THAT CAN BE ARRANGED... SIR! I'D LIKE REPORT TO MAJOR, DEAMS.

THANK YOU, SIR! I'D LIKE TO BE THERE FIRST HAND!



OF COURSE, WE CAN EXPECT A COUNTER-ATTACK! HAVE THE MEN PREPARE FOR IT!

YES, SIR! DIG IN, MEN! THE REDS'LL BE PAYING US A VISIT SOON!



THE ENEMY WASN'T GOING TO GIVE UP WITHOUT A STRUGGLE, WE COULD EXPECT A FIERCE COUNTER-ATTACK AND THE MEN DUG IN...

HERE THEY COME, MEN! THE PLACE IS CRAWLIN' WITH 'EM!

JUST KEEP FEEDIN' ME THEM LEAD HORNETS!



THE HILLS ARE SWARMING
WITH THE ADVANCING ENEMY!



THE FIGHTING IS FIERCE.
RED LOSSES ARE APPALLING,
BUT WITH TYPICAL DISREGARD
FOR HUMAN LIFE, THEY
PRESS FORWARD OVER
PILES OF THEIR DEAD...

THE U.N. FORCES ARE FORCED
TO WITHDRAW! SLOWLY THEY
MOVE BACK... WITH HEAVY COST
TO THE ENEMY!

THERE'S TOO MANY,
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF
AMMO! FALL BACK!



ATTACK AND DESTROY THE YANKEE
WALL STREET TOOLS!



SOMEHOW, IN THE SEE-SAW
FIGHTING, I BECAME SEPAR-
ATED FROM MY OUTFIT. I
MET A SERGEANT FROM H.Q.
AND WE FIGHT OUR WAY CLEAR!

I HAD STUMBLED ON KONJI IN
THE FIGHTING! MEANWHILE I
WAS DISCOVERED BY ENEMY
FORCES!

THIS WAY, MY SONS!
DO NOT BE ALARMED!
YOU WILL NOT BE
HARMED HERE!

WHAT?
WHO ARE
YOU?

THIS COUNTRY LOOKS
FAMILIAR... IT LOOKS LIKE
...IT IS MOUNT KONJI. I
REMEMBER IT FROM
THE MAP!

LOOK, MORE IMPERIALISTIC
AGGRESSORS... KILL!

OH-OH,
THEY
SEE US,
SIR!

THERE IS A
PATH LEADING
INTO THAT CAVE,
IT'S OUR ONLY
CHANCE!





HOLY SMOKE, SIR/LOOK, IT'S LIKE A PAGE FROM A STORY BOOK!

YES, MY YOUNG FRIEND, YOU ARE NOW IN A TEMPLE OF SANCTUARY! THERE MUST BE ONLY PEACE HERE, IT IS ORDAINED! PLEASE PLACE YOUR WEAPONS AT THE ENTRANCE!

BUT SIR, WHAT ABOUT THE REDS? WILL THEY DO WHAT YOU SAY?



IT IS WRITTEN! ALL MEN MUST COME WITHOUT ARMS OR HATEFUL HEARTS.

WELL, ALL RIGHT, HOLY MAN, BUT I HOPE YOU CAN HANDLE THINGS!



UGH! GRUESOME LITTLE GUY!

IT MUST BE A GUARDIAN FOR THE TEMPLE!

YES, MAN OF WAR, IT IS OUR GOD OF PROTECTION AND SANCTUARY!



AHH! WE KILL. THEY HAVE NO GUNS!

THERE MUST BE NO KILLING IN TEMPLE OF SANCTUARY! ALL ARE WELCOME. PLEASE LEAVE GUNS AT ENTRANCE!



NO ONE TELLS MEMBERS OF GLORIOUS PEOPLES VOLUNTEERS WHAT TO DO... BAYONET ANY SURVIVORS!

WE WERE STUNNED BY THE CONCUSSION OF THEIR GRENADE, BUT WE WERE PROTECTED BY PILLARS AND ESCAPED OUR INTENDED DESTRUCTION WITH MINOR WOUNDS... BUT THE PRIEST WAS BADLY HURT!



SPOILERS...DEFILERS... YOU SHALL REAP WHAT YOU HAVE SOWN! YOU SPREAD DEATH, IT SHALL COME TO YOU A HUNDREDFOLD...

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IS STILL HAZY IN MY MIND, BUT THE SERGEANT VERIFIES MY STORY! MAYBE IT WAS SHAKEN BY THE EXPLOSION... ANYWAY, THAT BIG DEMON GUARD SEEMED TO COME TO LIFE AND TORE INTO THOSE REDS LIKE A LOCOMOTIVE...



LOOK AT THAT, LIEUTENANT!

H-HOLY SMOKE

YAAAH! ARGHH!



H-HHE DESTROYED THEM ALL, SIR! QUICK, WHO'S INSIDE...HE SAVED OUR LIVES!

GET READY FOR A SHOCK, SERGEANT! IT'S EMPTY! NOTHING IS INSIDE... ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

WE REJOINED OUR FORCES WHO WERE AGAIN ADVANCING. THE ENEMY ATTACK HAD WORN ITSELF OUT AND THEY WERE IN FULL RETREAT! OUR STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE TEMPLE CAVE, WE'RE NOT READY TO TELL... YET...

THE END

THERE IS NO ESCAPE..

THE EARLY MORNING of January 12, 1941 was bitterly cold, but Mark Bramwell, standing in the shadows of the trees at the side of the road, felt only the fevered heat of his own jealousy. He clutched the hammer tightly in his hand and waited. There was one road leading from Lila Harvey's house to the main highway into Union Grove, Pennsylvania. And by that highway Daniel Parker would have to drive to get home. At the intersection of the narrow road and the highway Parker would have to stop. When he did!...

Bramwell looked at his watch. It was twenty-five minutes past two o'clock. That in itself made Bramwell's temperature rise a point. There was just one item of satisfaction in Bramwell's mind in connection with the hour: The longer Parker took to leave Lila, the more satisfaction he, Mark Bramwell, was going to have in bashing his rival's worthless skull.

Feeding the flame of his already burning jealousy, were the events leading to the action he was about to take. It had started back the previous August when Lila had seen him out with another girl. Was that something to break an engagement over? She didn't have to be so darn straight-laced because he had taken a few liberties with his promise never to see any girl but her. What did she think, anyway?

Then he remembered furiously the night he first had seen Lila entering the movies with Parker. Something then struck at his pride and it must have been that moment that had started his campaign to get Parker. Of course it had grown on him more gradually than that. But that first sight of Lila and Parker together was what had set the thinking in motion.

At first he had begun to play with the idea of shooting them both. But he knew it would be too bold; the police might catch on to that one too quickly. This would be the surest way! Well... almost the surest way! There had been one other thing he had tried, and if THAT had worked, it would have been the nearest thing to a sure gamble that a guy could ever hope for...

Bramwell shuddered a little, but it wasn't the cold. It was the awful suspense of waiting. The nervous desire for action. He'd been keyed up to this moment for hours and if things didn't break soon he was afraid he would. Twenty-seven after two! He looked down through the darkness at the heavy head of the mechanic's hammer he had taken from his car. Even now he could picture his rival's blood discoloring the steel...

When Lila had given him the gate and had taken up with Daniel Parker, he had warned her. He now remembered clearly that Sunday when he had said, "Lila, I can't get along without you. If you won't have me, then nobody else is going to have you either!" She had looked at him with pure disbelief, perhaps pity. The pity in her eyes had riled him more than the disbelief. She would see. She would see very soon now. And the really funny part is, she wouldn't even suspect him!

There had been that other attempt... that perfect way, if it had worked... but luck had gone against him then! It wouldn't this time. That was the time a few weeks previously. He had planned then with the utmost care. He had seen Parker leave Lila's house that particular night and had been ready. Parking at the side road on the highway, he had watched Parker's car speed toward the junction. There was some risk for himself, he knew. But that very risk would make the accident seem all the more authentic.

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It was just after two-thirty A.M. when he saw Parker's car approaching. The big moment had arrived. The car jogged over the frozen ruts of the narrow road and then, approaching the main highway, came abruptly to a stop. Bramwell knew he would have to work fast, before Parker could throw his car into low to make the turn.

He ran out of the shadows from the side of the road and gripped the door handle of Parker's car. As the door swung open, Parker looked up in amazement, then in horror. Heavily the hammer struck, even before Parker could utter a sound. The hammer raised again. Daniel Parker, half conscious, stumbled forward, caught the hammer, grabbed it from Bramwell's hand and struck back. Bramwell cursed, his own fury rising. He stepped back, picked up a large stone from the ground. As the desperate and badly hurt Daniel Parker came at him, the jealous lover raised the stone and bashed it down on Parker's head. Parker sank to the ground, but Bramwell kept bringing the stone down again and again until he was certain Parker was dead.

Lifting Parker's body into the victim's car, Bramwell drove out onto the highway, until he came to a lonely, narrow, untenanted road. Half-way down the road, he crashed the vehicle into a tree. Then, getting out of the car, he hauled the body over to the steering wheel. Next he drained some gasoline from the tank and saturated the car's interior. With a flick of his hand he lit a match and touched the soaked upholstery. In a moment, the car became a roaring inferno. Smiling grimly, he walked away down the road.

It was then that Bramwell noticed that his own hand was bleeding. He caught his breath for just a moment and then realized the tavern brawl he had witnessed earlier the previous evening would serve as an excellent alibi, should the police get curious about him. He plodded along the road, his head down, going carefully back over each step he had taken up to the time of the murder.

He had spent the evening previous, until one o'clock this morning, at the tavern. He had been careful not to drink too heavily, but had been sure to make his presence known by speaking to several people who knew him. Then, when the fight had begun in the place and later had continued outside, eventually developing into a brawl, Bramwell had kept close to the crowd. There had been a broken window in the general

scuffling and just after that Bramwell had left for his errand of hate. Yes, it was pretty pat. He'd got the bloody hand from that very broken window. It was open and shut. Parker would be acclaimed as having been killed in an accident!

It is here interesting to note how futile it is to attempt the perfect crime. There is no margin of error for the criminal. He must be right EVERY time. He cannot afford a single mistake. To begin with, as Bramwell left the murder scene, the body of Parker rolled sideways and the door was not fastened. Consequently, the upper half of the body was not burned at all. Deputy Coroner Silas K. Rusch at once adjudged the death of Daniel Parker to have been caused by murder. By noon of the very same day, Police Sergeant Charles McGrath and Corporal John Lincoln had learned of Bramwell's dismissal by Lila Harvey and of the girl's going with Daniel Parker. Bramwell was shaving when the police came to question him.

Bramwell put up a stubborn, brave front, and though police questioned him for hours, he refused to admit he had killed Parker. Then, suddenly by prearranged plan, Mark Bramwell was brought face-to-face alone with the girl who had been the innocent pawn in Bramwell's brutal game of murder. The shocked and heartbroken girl, holding her emotions in check by sheer nerve, faced Mark Bramwell calmly: "Tell me the truth, Mark," she said. "Did you kill Dan Parker?"

Before her steady, searching, honest gaze, Mark Bramwell cringed, then broke down and wept.

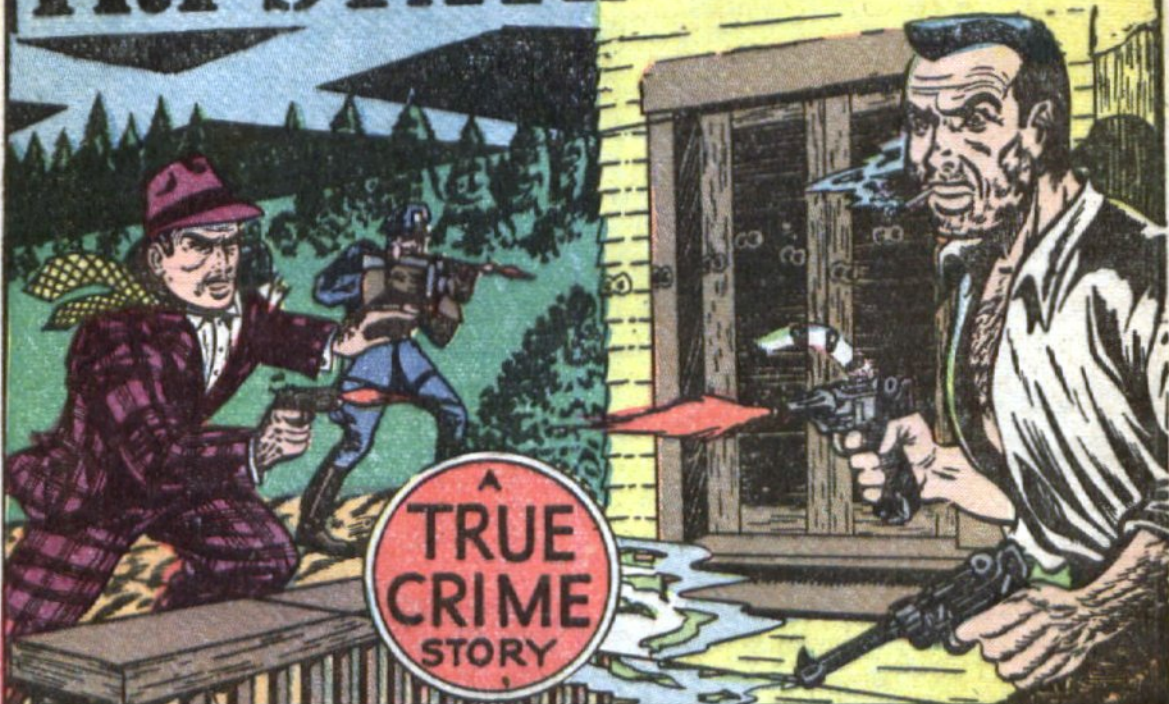
"I did it!" he cried weakly. "I killed him, Lila!"

Mark Bramwell's regrets have just begun, for he will have a lifetime to repent. On March 15, 1941 Bramwell was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Crime itself is a JAIL from which THERE IS NO ESCAPE!

(Note: Because of limited space, some incidents were condensed into a single representative incident. In order to protect innocent persons involved in the foregoing crime, and to avoid giving unwanted publicity to anyone, all names of people are fictitious. Names of places, dates and basic facts are true, however.)

TRI-STATE TERROR..



A
TRUE
CRIME
STORY

WILBUR UNDERHILL BULLIED AND TORTURED THE CITIZENS OF MISSOURI, KANSAS, AND OKLAHOMA WITH HIS VICIOUS KILLINGS!!! ARMED WITH HIS TWO PET LUGERS... WHICH WERE ADJUSTED TO FIRE LIKE AUTOMATIC MACHINE GUNS... HE CUT A SWATH OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION... A GRIM REAPER WHO MERCILESSLY AND CALLOUSLY MOWED DOWN ALL THAT HE SAW BEFORE HIM!!! WILBUR UNDERHILL WAS A KILLER WHO MURDERED WITHOUT EMOTION OR FEAR... DEALING OUT DEATH IN HOT LEAD TO UNARMED INNOCENTS... BLASTING DOWN UNSUSPECTING COPS... A LIAR... A CHEAT... A JAILBREAKER... HE SPECIALIZED FOR TWELVE YEARS IN MURDER... CRIME... BANK ROBBERY... ASSAULT... HOLD UPS... UNTIL HE WAS CORNERED AND BLASTED DOWN TO SLINK AWAY LIKE A CORNERED RAT TO DIE IN A DARK, DESERTED HOLE... THIS WAS THE
... TRI-STATE TERRORS!!!!

AT THE AGE OF 19, WILBUR UNDERHILL WAS SERVING HIS APPRENTICESHIP IN CRIME IN PRITCHER, OKLAHOMA, A MINING TOWN THAT WAS JAMMED WITH GAMBLING HALLS AND SPEAKEASIES....

THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH WHISKEY IN THIS TOWN FOR A MAN! GIT A LITTLE IN YA'... AN' THEY WON'T SELL YA' ANYMORE! GO AHEAD...THERE'S YER EMPTY BOTTLE BACK!

LOOK, BUD, IF IT'S LIKKER YA' WANT... WE CAN DO BUSINESS! IF YA' GOT THE MONEY...THAT IS!

HEY YOU! LAY OFF THAT BOTTLE! YOU GOTTA' PAY FOR THAT STUFF BEFORE YA' SOAK IT UP... I AJNT FEEDIN NO HUMAN SPONGE FOR FREE!! COME ACROSS WIT THE DOUGH OR I'LL PASTE YA'!!!

GLUB... GLUB...



WILBUR UNDERHILL SERVED HIS APPRENTICESHIP IN CRIME BY SELLING MOONSHINE IN THE MINING TOWN OF FICHER, OKLAHOMA, IN ORDER TO PICK UP EASY MONEY....

WILBUR UNDERHILL SOON BECAME A PART OF THE ORGANIZED ILLICIT LIQUOR INDUSTRY.... RUN BY JACK SPELLER...

THERE YA' YOUNG PUNK! TAKE TH' DIRTY MONEY AN' LINE YER POCKETS... ONLY... LEMME DRINK IN PEACE!

OK BUD... I'LL TELL YA'... IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU BEIN' IN LINE FOR BEIN' A STEADY CUSTOMER, I'D PUNCH YA' FER BEIN' A WIZE GUY!

HERE KID! TRY SPILLING THIS ROT GUT DOWN YER THROAT! TURN THIS STUFF OUT BY TH' HOGSHEAD! GOT HUNDREDS O' THESE STILL'S ALL OVER THE HILLS!

THANKS JACK! YOU GOT AN EMPIRE HERE... A PRIVATE LIKKER EMPIRE!

IT'S OK... BALDY! IT'S ME... SPELLER... THE BOSS! I GOT A NEW MAN WIT ME! YA' SEE THAT... KID? I GOT GUARDS ALL OVER THE PLACE! NO CHANCE OF A SLIP UP HERE! WE BLAST ANY STRANGERS THAT COME INTO THESE HILLS! YOU RIDE WITH FATSO... HE'S AN EX-CON!

SOON WILBUR GOT TIRED OF WORKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE, AND FIGURED OUT AN ANGLE...

MAYBE YER RIGHT... WILBUR! WE TAKE ALL THE CHANCES OF TANGLIN'G WITH THE FEDS AND SPELLER SITS BACK AND TAKES ALL THE DOUGH! WE DON'T GET A FAIR CUT!

THERE YOU GOT THE LAST CASE ON THIS HAUL... THE STUFF'S GUARANTEED TO BLIND ALL YER CUSTOMERS!

OK... JACK THIS STUFF'LL SELL BY THE CASE IN TOWN... THIS IS GOOD MONEY... EASY MONEY!

SURE I'M RIGHT! SPELLER'S GOT THIS SET-UP ORGANIZED RIGHT... FOR HIM... LET'S KEEP THE DOUGH FOR THIS HAUL... AND HI-JACK HIS OTHER TRUCKS AND SELL THE LOADS!

'HERE'S D' MONEY FER D' LIKKER... HEY! TAKE IT EASY WIT DOSE CASES... I AIN'T PAYIN' FER BUSTED BOTTLES!!

C'MON FATSO LES' HAUL OUTTA HERE... WE GOT OUR DOUGH!

HA! OR I SHOOT!

HERE'S YER SPLUT... FATSO! I TOLD YA' IT WAS EASY! NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD GIVE ALL THAT DOUGH TO SPELLER... HE WASN'T DOIN' ANY OF THE WORK! WE'LL GET MORE OF THIS DOUGH TOO! JUST AS SOON AS WE START HI-JACKING SPELLER'S TRUCKS!

HERE FATSO... WE'LL BUILD A ROAD BLOCK THAT'LL STOP SPELLER'S TRUCKS... THEN THE LOAD'LL BE OURS... AND WE SELL... FOR OURSELVES!

ALL RIGHT... YOU GUYS! REACH FOR THE SKY, AND COME OUT OF THAT TRUCK WITHOUT GUNS!

IT BETTER BE A BIG PAYLOAD FOR ALL THE WORK WE'RE PUTTING ON THIS BLOCK!

YEAH... WE GOT NO ARGUMENT WIT YOU GUYS... JUST WIT SPELLER! SO BE CAREFUL AN' YOU'LL WALK AWAY FROM TH' TRUCK IN ONE PIECE!

SCREECH!

YOU GUYS AREN'T GOIN' TO GET AWAY WITH THIS... AGHHH!!

NO YOU DONT... YOU DIRTY RAT! YOU'LL NEVER GET BACK TO SPELLER TO TELL WHO HI-JACKED HIS BOOZE! THE LIKKER'S OURS AND WE'RE GOING TO CASH IN ON IT!

ON LEARNING THAT ONE OF HIS TRUCKS HAS BEEN HI-JACKED... JACK SPELLER MAKES PLANS TO TRAP THE LOOTERS...

HERE... CATCH... JOE! GOT AN IDEA YER GONNA NEED THIS WHEN WE RUN INTO THE RATS THAT KNOCKED OFF OUR BOYS AND LIFTED THAT CARGO OF LIKKER! WE'LL BLAST 'EM RIGHT OUT OF THE STATE WITH LEAD PUSHING 'EM ALL THE WAY!!!

ALL RIGHT YOU GUYS... UNLOAD FROM THAT TRUCK... WE WANT DAT LIKKER... AGHHH!!!!

YOU AIN'T GITTIN' LIKKER... FATSO... YER GITTIN' LEAD!!!

PICHER, OKLAHOMA HAD BECOME TOO HOT FOR WILBUR UNDERHILL... AND HE MADE TRACKS FOR THE SECOND STATE... MISSOURI! IN JOPLIN ONE NIGHT...

ALL RIGHT BUDDY... JUST LAY YOUR DOLICH ON THE LINE AND I WON'T GET NASTY... IF YOU MAKE ONE LITTLE PEEP... I'LL FILL YOU SO FULL O' HOLES... YOU'LL LOOK LIKE YOU BEEN THROUGH A MEAT GRINDER!

ALL RIGHT... MISTER JUST TAKE MY MONEY AND LEAVE ME ALONE! I DON'T WANT TO START ANYTHING!!

RAT-TAT-TAT!!

RAT-TAT-TAT!!

WHY YOU DIRTY RAT NO COP IS GONNA STOP ME FROM-UGHH!!

HELP STOP THIEF! POLICE!!

WILBUR UNDERHILL: I'M GOING TO PUT YOU AWAY FOR TWO YEARS IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. WHERE YOU CAN REFLECT ON YOUR LIFE OF CRIME... I WILL NOT HAVE YOU MOLESTING THE INNOCENT CITIZENS OF THIS STATE! I WANT YOU TO EXAMINE YOUR WAY OF LIFE... AND COME OUT A BETTER MAN... AN HONEST MAN... I WARN YOU... NEXT TIME... IF THERE IS A NEXT TIME IT WILL GO HARDER WITH YOU!

LET ME OUT OF THIS CAGE! I'LL SHOW YOU COPS THAT YOU CANT LOCK ME UP!!

C'MON UNDERHILL... GET AWAY FROM THAT DOOR! SMARTEN UP BOY... YOU'LL NEVER GET OUTTA HERE BY YELLIN' YER HEAD OFF. YOU GOTTA BE SMART... SMARTER THAN A THREE TIME LOSER LIKE MYSELF!

ALL RIGHT, BUDDY. GET YOUR HANDS UP AND KEEP 'EM THERE! NEXT TIME I WON'T SHOOT FOR YOUR GUN! YOU'RE GONNA DO TIME FOR THIS!

I CAN'T STAND THIS BIRD CAGE ANY LONGER!!! I WANT OUT!! I CAN'T STAND THIS LOUSEY CHOW... THIS SLUM YOU CALL STEW... THE PUPS AND BOMBS WE GET TWICE A DAY... THE STALE JAMOCA I WANT OUT!!!

TAKE IT EASY, UNDERHILL OR ELSE YOU'LL GO INTO TH' HOLE FOR SURE... THEY'RE MEASURING THE ICEBOX FOR YOU NOW... CALM DOWN... I'LL WISE YOU UP, KID!

HERE UNDERHILL... AND CALM DOWN! GO AHEAD AND SMOKE AND LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY! YOU'LL NEVER GET OUTTA THIS TRAP BY YELLIN' YER HEAD OFF... YA' GOTTA BE SMART! TOADY UP TO THE SCREWS AND THE WARDEN! GO SEE THE CHAPLAIN AND TALK TO HIM!!

MAYBE YOU GOT AN IDEA THERE! IF YA' CAN'T LICK 'EM... JOIN 'EM! I'LL GET OUTTA HERE BY MAKIN' 'EM THINK I'VE GONE STRAIGHT!

UNDERHILL WENT TO SEE THE CHAPLAIN AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY... AND DID HIS BEST TO GET INTO HIS GOOD GRACES... BY LYING...

I'M GONNA BE A GOOD MAN WHEN I GET OUTTA HERE, CHAPLAIN... I'M-GONNA FOLLOW THE STRAIGHT AN' NARROW AND SEE IF I CAN HELP MY FELLOW MAN...

WELL I'M FINALLY OUT... AND JUST BY USIN' MY HEAD... AND PLAYIN' MY CARDS RIGHT! GOT 'EM TO THINK I'D REFORMED... HA HA WHATT A LAUGH! WELL, I'LL SHOW 'EM... JUST HOW MUCH ROBBING AND STEALING AND KILLING A GUN CAN DO!

SHORTLY AFTER UNDERHILL LEFT THE PRISON GATES BEHIND HIM... HE BEGAN TO PLAY THE ONLY TRADE HE KNEW...

YEAH... THOSE ARE THE BEAUTIFUL I WANT... A PAIR OF LUBERS FILED DOWN TO FIRE LIKE A TOMMY-GUN WITH ONE PULL ON THE TRIGGER!

THEY'RE A BEAUTIFUL PAIR... A MATCHED SET! BUT BEFORE I CAN LET YOU HAVE THEM... I MUST SEE YOUR IDENTIFICATION AND LICENSE... IT'S THE LAW IN THIS STATE!

I'M GLAD YOU'VE SEEN THE LIGHT, WILBUR! MAYBE WE CAN CUT YOUR SENTENCE A LITTLE... IF YOU'RE WILLING TO DO GOOD IN THE WORLD... WE'LL SEE THAT YOU GET THE CHANCE!

YOU DON'T THINK YER GONNA STOP ME FROM TAKING THESE GUNS, DO YA? TAKE THAT YA' STUPID RAT! NOBODY FOOLS AROUND WITH WILBUR UNDERHILL WHEN HE WANTS SOMETHING! YOU'LL LEARN YOUR LESSON LIKE THE REST!

HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH THAT GUN...

AGHH!!

ARMED ONCE AGAIN... UNDERHILL BEGAN A SERIES OF ROBBERIES...

THAT'S OUR PAYROLL, FELLA... HAVE A HEART... WILL YA?

SHUT UP WISE GUY, I DIDN'T COME HERE TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS... I CAME FER DOUGH AND THAT'S WHAT I GOT! ANY CRACKS FROM YOU AN' I'LL SEAL YER LIPS! GET THAT?

LESS THAN A WEEK LATER IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN...

I'M CLOSING UP FOR THE NIGHT, MISTER! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN THE STREET... IF YOU WANT ANYTHING... THERE'S ANOTHER GROCERY DOWN THE BLOCK!

GET YOUR HANDS UP... NOW... GET OVER TTH' CASH REGISTER!

HAVE A HEART... I GOT A WIFE AND KIDS TO SUPPORT... THAT'S MY WHOLE DAY'S RECIPTS... I'LL LOSE MY BUSINESS... OHNNH!!!

HOW THESE GUY'S WILL SQUEAL WHEN THEY WANTA HOLD A COUPLE OF BUCKS! TAKE THAT... AND SHUT UP... I DON'T LIKE SOB STORIES... I'LL CLEAN OUT YOUR COMPETITOR DOWN THE STREET TOO... JUST AS A FAVOR TO YOU! HAH!

CRACK

A FEW MINUTES... THE STOREKEEPER REVIVED...

I'VE JUST BEEN ROBBED... BY AN ARMED GUNMAN! HIT ME ON THE HEAD AND LEFT ME FOR DEAD! HE'S GOING TO ROB MURPHY'S GROCERY STORE DOWN THE STREET! YOU CAN CATCH HIM IF YOU TELL THE COP ON THE BEAT... HE'S IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD... GET HIM!!

HELLO...
POLICE DEPARTMENT!

ALL RIGHT... YOU RAT! GET YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR AND KEEP 'EM THERE! I'M GONNA TAKE EVERY CENT YOU GOT AND IF THERE'S ANY SQUAWK I'LL LET YA HAVE IT LIKE THE GUY DOWN THE STREET... AGGGG!!!

THIS TIME, THE JUDGE WAS NOT SO LENIENT WITH MILBUR UNDERHILL...

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO WITH A MAN OF YOUR CALIBRE, UNDERHILL AND THAT'S TO LOCK HIM UP FOR AS LONG AS THE LAW ALLOWS! I SENTENCE YOU TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS AS ALLOWED BY THE LAW OF THIS STATE! IF I WERE IN MY POWER, I'D PROTECT SOCIETY BY PUTTING YOU AWAY FOR GOOD!

... AND SO UNDERHILL WENT BACK TO PRISON... THE BIG HOUSE TO DO HIS SECOND STRETCH... ONLY THIS TIME HE WAS JAIL-WISE...

I FOUND THIS KNIFE IN THE PRISON LAUNDRY, WARDEN! NO SENSE IN LEAVING A DANGEROUS WEAPON LIKE THAT LYING AROUND... ONLY RESULT IN SOME KILLING... SO I THOUGHT I'D BRING IT HERE TO YOU!

THAT FINISHED YOUR DOING ANY MORE ROBBING AND STEALING FOR A WHILE!

I'M GLAD YOU DID THAT UNDERHILL... I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET PAID... IN GOOD TIME FOR YOUR HONESTY AND GOOD SENSE... IF YOU NEED HELP... LET ME KNOW...

HEY! WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'RE YOU PULLIN', UNDERHILL?

NOT SO LOUD, YOU FOOL! THAT'S A BLUEPRINT OF A BREAK THAT'S BEING PLANNED BY SOME OF THE BOY'S WHO WANT TO CRASH OUT! TELL THE WARDEN I TOLD YOU... WILL YOU?

AS A RESULT OF HIS CONIVING, HIS LYING UNDERHILL'S SENTENCE WAS SHORTENED FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR AND HE WAS SOON ALLOWED TO GO FREE TO RETURN TO HIS OLD HABITS...

WHERE YOU BEEN UNDERHILL? WE BEEN WAITIN' ALMOST AN HOUR FOR YA' AFTER WE GOT YER CALL! WHAT'S UP AND WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!

WHAT'S THE ANGLE ON THESE UNIFORMS THEY AIN'T GONNA DO US MUCH GOOD!

WITH THESE UNIFORMS ON WE CAN WALK INTO ANY BANK IN THE CITY WITHOUT ATTRACTING TOO MUCH ATTENTION AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO! I GOT A LITTLE JOB PLANNED ON THE STATE BANK OF OKLAHOMA!

A WEEK LATER... UNDERHILL, ASSISTED BY BOB TAMPER, HENRY AND FRED CAKES CRACKED THE STATE BANK WIDE OPEN...

GET EVERY GREENBACK IN THE JOINT! LET'S MAKE THIS A GOOD HAUL!!

COME ON. LET'S GO! IF ANYONE PEEPS ONE WORD... JUST BLAST 'EM DOWN... THIS PAYLOAD IS GONNA LAST US FOR A WHILE... WE'RE GONNA CLEAN THIS HICK BANK OUT!

OKLAHOMA STATE BANK

HEY WHO ARE YOU GUYS? YOU'RE NOT POLICE... WH... WHY YOU'RE CROOKS! SOUND THE ALAR... AGHHHH!!

C'YON COPPER SO I CAN GET A GOOD SHOT AT YOU-- AGHHHH!

COME ON! FEED THIS CAR AND TAKE OFF... THE COPS ARE COMING UP ON US!

I TELL YA' WE GOTTA GO BACK... WE CAN'T LEAVE FRED LYIN' THERE LIKE THAT... THAT'S MY BROTHER! STOP THIS CAR... I'LL SHOOT IT OUT WITH TH' COPS MYSELF!!

NICE SHOOTIN' CAKES! THESE UNIFORMS GAVE US JUST THE EDGE WE NEED FOR THAT KIND OF STUFF! I'LL GET THIS BAG FULL OF DOUGH AND THEN STUFF YOURS... ONE PEEP OUTTA' YOU FELLA' AND YOU'LL GET THE SAME AS YOUR GUARD GOT FOR OPENING HIS YAP!

MY BROTHER! HE'S HIT! WE GOTTA PICK HIM UP!!

SHUT YER LIP, CAKES... YOUR BROTHER'S DONE FOR... HE'S A COOKED GOOSE! THERE'S NO SENSE IN OUR GETTIN' KILLED TOO... JUST TO HELP A DEAD MAN! IF YOU TRY ANY FUNNY STUFF... I'LL BLAST YER HEAD RIGHT OFF YER SHOULDERS!

AFTER SPLITTING UP THEIR LOOT THE THREE BANK ROBBERS SPLIT UP AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS... WILBUR UNDERHILL NEXT TURNED UP ON CHRISTMAS EVE IN A DRUG STORE IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA...

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU... SIR... THIS CHRISTMAS EVE... WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AT SOME GIFTS... HEY!

LOOK OUT MIKE... HE'S GOT A GUN!

LISTEN BUDDY... I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND I DON'T CARE... BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANYTHING FROM ME... AGHHH!

ALL RIGHT WISE GUY YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR IT... YOU COULDA' GIVEN ME TH' DOUGH AND SAVED YOURSELF A LOT OF TROUBLE... HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF LEAD?

WELL THAT'S THE FINISHING TOUCH ON OUR CHRISTMAS TREE, BETTY! THINK YOUR HUSBAND DID A GOOD JOB?

OH... IT'S BEAUTIFUL! I CAN'T WAIT TILL THE CHILDREN SEE IT! OH MIKE A CUSTOMER HAS COME IN... PLEASE COME DOWN AND WAIT ON HIM!

DRINK & GO!

THAT'S RIGHT SISTER... RUN AN' PROTECT YER HUSBAND BECAUSE HE'S GONNA NEED PROTECTION IF HE DOESN'T GET THAT CASH REGISTER OPEN... AND IN A HURRY TOO!

DON'T SHOOT!

BLAM! BLAM!

IF I WERE A MAN... I'D SHOW YOU THAT YOU CAN'T GO AROUND SHOOTING INNOCENT PEOPLE... YOU'RE NOT BRAVE... THAT GUN IN YOUR HAND IS YOUR NERVE!

AN SHUT UP... HE ASKED FOR IT OR HE WOULDN'TA GOT IT! IF YOU KEEP ON YOWLING I'LL COME BACK AND MAKE YA WISH YA WERE WHERE HE IS... HE HAD IT COMIN' TO HIM!

POLICE! COME QUICK! MY HUSBAND HAS JUST BEEN KILLED BY LINDERHILL, THE MURDERER... I RECOGNISED HIM FROM HIS PICTURES... YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... PLEASE... PLEASE... HE'S ARMED AND HE WON'T HESITATE TO SHOOT TO KILL ...



THE SAME NIGHT... FROM THE WOMAN'S IDENTIFICATION... LINDERHILL WAS PICKED UP IN TULSA FOR MURDER. HE WAS TRIED AND SENT TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY AT MCALLISTER....

AH! MY MOTHER CAME THROUGH AFTER ALL... WITH THAT LITTLE FILE I'LL BE OUT OF THIS BIRD CAGE IN A MATTER OF DAYS... I'LL HAVE TO PAY MY BUDDIES ON THE OUTSIDE BACK FOR THIS... BUT GOOD!!

IF ANYBODY CAN CRASH OUTTA THIS STIR... IT'S YOU, UNDERHILL... THERE AREN'T MANY CANS THAT HOLD THE LIKES OF YOU!

LINDERHILL MADE GOOD ON HIS CELL-MATE'S BOAST, BY CRASHING OUT OF THE PENITENTIARY... LIKE A HOMING PIGEON, HE MADE TRACKS FOR HIS HOME TOWN OF PICHER, OKLAHOMA... WHERE POLICE OFFICERS HAD BEEN WARNED...

AH MOTHER IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! YOUR BOY HAS BEEN LOVELY... IS THIS THE CAKE I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR??

LOWER YOUR VOICE, AND DON'T CALL ME MOTHER YOU FOOL DO YOU WANT TO GET BOTH OF US IN A JAM? YOU'LL FIND WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IN THAT CAKE!

WHAT'RE ALL THE COPS DOIN' AROUND THE PLACE... BILL? I RECOGNIZE MOST OF THEM IN PLAIN CLOTHES AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE FACKIN' PLENTY OF HARDWARE! SOMETHIN' BLOW UP??

THEY WERE TIPPED OFF THAT WILBUR LINDERHILL IS HEADIN' THIS WAY... COMIN' BACK TO HIS HOME TOWN TO GIVE THE FOLKS A SHOW... AND THE COPS ARE WAITIN' FOR HIM!!



A FEW MINUTES LATER... UNDERHILL ENTERED THE BAR...

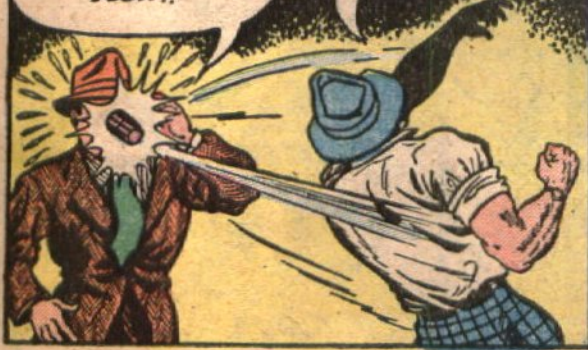
I'M WILBUR UNDERHILL! A KILLER IN THREE STATES... AND I'M GONNA ADD TO MY RECORD... THE DRINKS ARE ON ME... BUT I AIN'T PAYIN'... SO STEP UP TO THE BAR... MEN... YEOW!!

I AIN'T AFRAID OF NO YELLOW BELLED COWARD WITH A GUN... I'M AN OIL MAN AND AN OIL MAN'S GOT GUTS... PUT UP YER MITTS, BOY AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN!

COME ON BOY... I'M WAITIN' FER YA... COME CLOSER!! OHNNHH!!

HERE... I'LL COME CLOSER WITH THIS GUN AN' GIVE YOU A BELLY FULL OF FIGHTIN'... HOW DO YOU LIKE A LITTLE OF... AAGHHH!!

THAT'LL BE ENOUGH OUT OF YOU... UNDERHILL!!! YOU WALKED INTO THAT ONE WITH YOUR EYES OPEN AND YOU KILLED ANOTHER MAN!



UNDERHILL WAS RETURNED TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY WHERE HE WAS HELD FOR THE KILLING OF THE DRUG STORE PROPRIETOR ... WITH THE KILLING OF THE OILMAN STILL HANGING OVER HIS HEAD!

WE'RE GONNA LET YOU ROT IN THE HOLE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, UNDERHILL! SEE HOW YOU LIKE THE ICE-BOX! MAYBE THIS COOLER THAT WE PREPARED FOR YOU WILL CALM YOU DOWN AFTER A WHILE AND YOU WON'T SHOOT DOWN ANYMORE UNARMED MEN!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME... YOU DIRTY SCREW! I'LL GET OUTTA THIS BAND-BOX! THERE AINT A CAN ON EARTH THAT CAN HOLD ME!

UNDERHILL MADE GOOD HIS BOAST... AFTER HE CAME OUT OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT HE WAS PUT ON A GUARDED ROAD CONSTRUCTION GANG

THERE YOU ARE UNDERHILL... TRY THAT FOR SIZE... YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO CRACK QUITE A FEW BIG ROCKS WITH IT...

DON'T WORRY BUDDY, ABOUT MY CRACKING ROCKS... IF I WERE YOU... I'D WORRY ABOUT MY SKILL GETTING CRACKED! I WON'T PUT IN TOO MUCH WORK ON THE ROAD... I GOT PLANS!

HERE... TAKE YOUR LOUSY PICK! I'M HEADIN' FER TH' TALL TIMBER AND FREEDOM... I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT PEN... I'M CRASHING OUT AND NOBODY BETTER GET IN MY WAY OR THERE GONNA GET IT!

BREAK! BREAK! GET THAT GUY... IT'S UNDERHILL SHOOT TO KILL!

GET HIM... IT'S THE KILLER! FOLLOW HIM INTO THE WOODS!!

YOU DIRTY SCREWS!! YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ME THIS TIME! GO AHEAD AND SHOOT LOT OF GOOD IT'LL DO YA... I'M GETTIN' OFF... BEATIN' 'TN' RAP!!

STOP! STOP UNDERHILL... WE'RE SHOOTING TO KILL! HIT THE DIRT AND WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK... KEEP RUNNING AND WE'LL DROP YOU IN YOUR TRACKS!!

THERE HE GOES INTO THE RIVER! WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY! FIRE... THROW EVERY BULLET YOU HAVE AT HIM... WE'VE GOT TO KILL THAT MURDERER BEFORE HE GETS AWAY!

IT'S TOO LATE SCREW... I'LL BE SEEN' YA' ON MY NEXT TRIP AROUND... IF THERE IS ANOTHER ONE

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS MAKE THE OTHER BANK AND I'M FREE... THOSE BULLETS ARE COMING CLOSE... LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO DIVE... GO UNDER WATER... SEE IF I CAN LOSE THOSE SCREWS FOR A WHILE... GOT TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE... AND THEN I'LL BE FREE!!



I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER GET HERE UNDERHILL I WAS GOING TO WAIT ANOTHER HOUR AND THEN TAKE OFF! BROTHER, IS IT COLD AROUND HERE!!

YOU'RE COLD! HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL... AFTER THAT SHIM! COME ON... WE GOT TO BEAT IT! THOSE DIRTY SCREWS WILL BE GETTIN' A BOAT AND COMIN' AFTER US IN A FEW MINUTES! IF THEY GET A HOLD OF ME THIS TIME... IT'LL BE SOLITARY FOR ME FOR SIX MONTHS!

AFTER MAKING GOOD HIS ESCAPE... UNDERHILL TURNED UP IN WICHITA, KANSAS... WHERE HE CONTINUED HIS LIFE OF CRIME AND MURDER...

ALL RIGHT... YOU GOT MY MONEY... NOW LEAVE ME ALONE, MISTER!!!

JUST FOR BEING A WISE GUY... I'M TAKIN' YER WATCH WITH ME! JUST WHAT I NEEDED... SOMETHIN' TO SWING AROUND ON A CHAIN... JUST LIKE I WAS HANGIN' A WARDEN OR A SCREW... NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE PLEASURE I CAN PLAN FOR THE FUTURE!!



WELL, HE'LED FROM HIS ROBBERIES... UNDERHILL WENT TO ONE OF WICHITA'S LEADING HOTELS...

Y-YES SIR, SORRY... BUT I WAS BUSY... I'LL TAKE CARE OF RIGHT AWAY, SIR!

I WANT NOTHING BUT THE BEST... THE BEST YOU GOT IN THIS FLEA-BITTEN RAT TRAP YOU CALL A HOTEL! AND I WANT IT IN A HURRY! AND I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED... WHEN I CALL FOR A BOY... SEND ONE... AND NOT BEFORE!

I'LL BE FINISHED IN A MINUTE, SIR! I'VE GIVEN YOU CLEAN LINEN... AND YOU'LL FIND CLEAN TOWELS! IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WANT... WOULD YOU PLEASE RING... OHNN!!

THERE... KID! THAT'S A NICE FAT TIP FOR YA! I ALWAYS TIP BIG! I'LL BET THERE'S NOT MANY CUSTOMERS IN THIS JOINT THAT'LL GIVE YA A HANDSOME POCKET WATCH LIKE THAT JUST FOR STRAIGHTENING OUT A ROOM!

...AND THEN HE SAYS TO ME... HERE'S A NICE FAT TIP FOR YA! JUST LIKE THAT HE SAID IT AND THEN THREW THE WATCH TO ME... I THINK HE'S CRAZY OR SOMETHING!

WELL I DON'T KNOW THAT LOOKS LIKE THE WATCH WE GOT A DESCRIPTION OF... THAT WAS STOLEN NOT FAR FROM HERE A FEW DAYS AGO LET ME HAVE THE WATCH! I'LL TALK TO THE GENTLEMAN! MAYBE HE CAN STEER ME TO THE CROOK... IF THAT IS THE WATCH!

I'D LIKE TO CHECK WITH YOU ON THIS WATCH, SIR... CAN YOU TELL ME HOW LONG YOU'VE HAD IT AND WHERE YOU GOT... AGH!

THOUGHT YOU'D TRICK ME... DID YA... DIRTY BULL! HERE'S A BELLY-FULL FOR YA! HOT LEAD... BURNING HOT... FOR BEIN' A WISE COPPER! YOU BULLS WILL LEARN YOUR LESSON ONE OF THESE DAYS!

UNDERHILL WAS CAPTURED AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR KILLING THE POLICEMAN IN WICHITA....

SURE I PLEADED GUILTY TO KILLING THAT COP! IT WAS THE EASIEST WAY OUT! THERE'S NO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN KANSAS... YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? THEY CAN'T SEND YA TO THE CHAIR FOR MURDER AIN'T THAT A LAUGH? SO... ALRIGHT... I GOT A LIFE SENTENCE... IN LANSING PRISON... THEY STILL CAN'T DRAG ME BACK TO OKLAHOMA WHERE THEY CAN REALLY HIT ME ON A MURDER CHARGE!

ON MEMORIAL DAY 1933, UNDERHILL CRASHED OUT OF LANSING PRISON WITH 10 OTHER CONVICTS! HE IMMEDIATELY PARTICIPATED IN A SERIES OF FANTASTIC CRIMES...

BOY THIS SAFE IS A HEAVY LOAD... TOO BAD WE COULDN'T BLAST THE DOOR OFF IN THERE! IT BETTER BE FULL OF DOUGH OR WE'LL COME BACK AND BLOW THE BANK SKY HIGH FOR OUR WORK!!

COME ON... MOVE FAST! UNTIL THE COPS HEAR ABOUT THIS! CARTING THE SAFE RIGHT OUT OF THE BANK! AT THIS RATE WE'LL BE ABLE TO OPEN OUR OWN BANK!

WE PUT ENOUGH POWDER UNDER THOSE TRACKS TO BLOW THAT TRAIN INTO THE NEXT STATE! I HOPE WE DIDN'T RUIN ANY OF THE MONEY!

COME ON! WE GOT TO MOVE FAST TO GET TO THAT MAIL CAR! JUST MOVE IN ON THE MAIL BAGS AND TAKE THEM UNOPENED! WE'LL GO THROUGH THEM LATER BACK AT THE HOUSE!

BOOM!

AS A RESULT OF THE TRAIN ROBBERY...THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MOVED IN ON THE CHASE FOR UNDERHILL ON A COLD, DRIZZLY NIGHT IN DECEMBER, 1933, UNDERHILL WAS IN A HOUSE WITH HIS WIFE AND PALS IN SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA...

THE SPECIAL AGENTS IN OKLAHOMA CITY RECEIVED WORD THAT UNDERHILL HAD TURNED IN SHAWNEE...

NOW LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT... SO THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE OF A MIXUP! WILBUR UNDERHILL... IS HOLED UP IN SHAWNEE... WITH TWO OF HIS GANGS AND HIS WIFE... HEAVILY ARMED... AUTOMATIC LUGERS... HE'LL SHOOT TO KILL... OK!!! WE'LL FEED HIM THE SAME KIND OF MEDICINE!

I WANT TO GO INTO OKLAHOMA CITY AND BUY SOME CLOTHES... I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF SITTING AROUND THIS HOLE WITH NOTHING TO DO!

AH--YOU TALK TOO MUCH... HERE BOYS DRINK UP! WE'LL DRINK TO OUR NEXT VICTIM... WHETHER IT'S A BANK... A CASHIER OR A TRAIN... OR ANYBODY OR ANYTHING WITH MONEY... MONEY FOR US!

THAT WAS A WILD RIDE FROM OKLAHOMA CITY! TWO HOURS IN THE RAIN... AND YOU COULDN'T SEE YOUR NOSE ALL THE WAY... HEAD FOR THE UNDERHILL HOUSE AND WE'LL SPLIT UP INTO TWO GROUPS!

COME ON... WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST NOW... THAT DOG HAS GIVEN US AWAY! SHOOT TO KILL... WHEN YOU CAN GET A TARGET UNDERHILL! HE'S A VICIOUS MURDERER AND WILL SHOW NO MERCY! CHARGE THAT HOUSE... LET'S GO... MEN!!!

DROP THAT GUN, UNDERHILL! WE'RE COMING TO GET YOU DEAD OR ALIVE... AGHH!!

COME ON COPPERS, COME ON IN CLOSER SO I CAN GET A GOOD READ ON YA! I'LL SHOW YOU COPS AND FEDS WHO CAN SHOOT STRAIGHT... TO KILL... COME ONE FOOT CLOSER, AN'...

HE'S GOING OUT THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE! GET YOUR FIRE ON HIM... WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

IT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU BULLS... BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS GETAWAY GOOD TOO! HAH! HA... UHN! YOU PLUGGED ME... BUT IT'S NOT STOPPING ME... COME ON... AND TASTE SOME OF MY SPECIAL BRAND OF HOT LEAD!

COME ON LET'S GET THAT GUY AND DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! SHOOT FIRST... HE'S MAD!

WE'LL SEARCH EVERY HOUSE AND STORE IN THIS TOWN... BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET UNDERHILL! FAN OUT AND COMB EVERY STREET! GO INTO EVERY HOUSE... EVERY ROOM! SEARCH EVERY STORE... BACK AND FRONT... WE WANT THAT MURDERER!!

A DRAGNET WAS THROWN OUT IMMEDIATELY! THE SEARCH ENDED WHEN UNDERHILL... THE TERROR OF THREE STATES WAS FOUND, DYING, IN A BED IN A DEPARTMENT STORE FILLED WITH FURNITURE... PAYING FOR HIS CRIMES OF MURDER AND LARCENY...

WELL IT WAS A LONG HARD CHASE... BUT WE GOT HIM AT LAST! WE HAD TO LOSE SOME GOOD MEN... ON THE WAY... GETTING THIS KILLER... BUT HE'S PAYING NOW FOR EVERY MAN HE EVER KILLED!

THE BLOODY PHANTOM



ON JULY 23, 1931--A CRACK TRAIN OF THE AT & SF RACED THROUGH THE TEXAS DESERT--

COME ON, SHORTY, I THINK IT'S TIME WE MOVED FORWARD! WE GOTTA GET SET--OTHERWISE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET LANK ON SCHEDULE!



I FIGURE, HARRY, THAT WE DON'T HAVE TOO FAR TO GO--JUDGING FROM THE CAR WE PICKED OUT!

NO, SHORTY, WE GOT THIS FIGURED RIGHT! WAIT TILL THEM NEWSPAPERS GET AHOLD OF THIS ONE!



HARRY WELLS, AND HIS BUDDY, "SHORTY" DELL MADE THEIR WAY FORWARD ON A TRAIN RACING THROUGH THE WEST TEXAS DESERT, ON JULY 23, 1931.

WHOOA, WATCH IT, SIR, WE ALMOST WENT OUT THE WINDOW WIT THE TRAY OF FOOD!!

SORRY, TRYING TO GET FORWARD, AND HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE!

BIT FAR FORWARD AIN'T YA, MISTER? MOST OF THE COACHES ARE BACK THERE, IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, FELLA, WE'RE GOING FORWARD TO SEE A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WORKS FOR THE RAILROAD!

I'M GORRY, BUT YOU GENTLEMEN CAN'T GO FORWARD OF THIS CAR! NO PASSENGERS ARE ALLOWED PAST THE COACH CARS!

ARE YA SURE OF THAT, CONDUCTOR? MAYBE YOU BETTER TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT MY TICKET!



SEE, CONDUCTOR, THIS LITTLE ROSCOE IS ALL THE TICKET I NEED TO GO ANYWHERE I PLEASE!

SAY FELLA, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL OFF HERE--AGGHH!

YOU SHOULDN'T DONE THAT, SHORTY! IT WASN'T NECESSARY, WE COULDA UNLOADED HIM WITHOUT KNOCKING HIM OUT!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE CHANCES NOW! JUST ONE THING GOES WRONG, AND WE'RE IN A JAM!

QUIET, FELLA, YOU'RE INTERFERING!



"SHORTY" THAT GUY PACKED A LOT OF HEFT! IF WE DON'T WATCH OURSELVES, WE'RE SONNA BE EARNING OUR MONEY--THE HARD WAY!

JUST ONE LESS RAIL-ROADER TO WORRY ABOUT!

A FEW SECONDS LATER--AT THE COAL CAR--

STAY AS CLOSE TO THE SIDE AS YA CAN, SHORTY, OR THAT WIND'LL HIT YA--AND RIP YA RIGHT OFF THE SIDE OF THE CAR!

IF IT DOES, I CAN ALWAYS WALK BACK, AND KEEP OUR FRIEND, THE CONDUCTOR, COMPANY!

WHAT'S THE COAL DOING, ROLLING IN ON US--HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, IN THE ENGINE ROOM!

TAKE IT EASY, FELLA, I'M GIVING THE ORDERS AROUND HERE--BACKED UP BY THIS GUN!



IF I CAN JUST TURN AROUND FAR ENOUGH WITH THIS SHOVELFUL OF HOT COAL, BEFORE THEY GET WISE TO WHAT I'M DOING, THAT GUN WON'T BE DOING ANY SHOOTING WHEN IT'S OWNER GETS A FACEFUL OF HOT COALS //



ALL RIGHT WISE GUY LET'S SEE HOW MUCH GOOD THAT GUN DOES WHEN YOU CATCH THIS HOT---AGGHH!

HOT LEAD IS FASTER THAN HOT COAL ANYTIME!! YOU ASKED FOR THAT BULLET //



GET BACK ON THE THROTTLE, AND DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, OR YOU'LL GET SOME OF THE SAME!! STOP THIS TRAIN AT HAIRPIN TURN! IF YA PULL ANYTHING, YOU'LL NEVER PUSH ANOTHER TRAIN!

YOU'RE BOSS NOW, BUDDY!



AS THE TRAIN SLOWLY GROUND TO A STOP AT HAIRPIN TURN---

LOOKS LIKE HARRY WELLS AND "SHORTY" PULLED THE DEAL OFF. THE TRAIN IS COMING TO A STOP RIGHT AT THE TURN! THIS MUST BE THE MAIL CAR RIGHT HERE. I'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY SHOW UP WITH THE ENGINEER AND THE FIREMAN!



ALL RIGHT, JUST KEEP GOING IN FRONT OF US UNTIL WE GET TO THE MAIL CAR! IF YA MAKE A SOUND OR MAKE A BREAK FOR IT, I'LL DRILL YA RIGHT IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD!

THERE'S LANK AND THE CAR!



WELL, WE MADE IT RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!

WE AIN'T THROUGH YET! NOW ENGINEER, OPEN UP THOSE LIPS AND TELL THE BOYS IN THE MAIL CAR THAT YA WANT TO COME INSIDE--IF YA DON'T---

ALL RIGHT!



HEY BOYS, OPEN UP THE MAIL CAR WILL YA! THIS IS ME--JOE, THE ENGINEER, WE GOT A LITTLE TROUBLE UP FRONT, AND WE WANT YOUR HELP!

JUST A SEC-- JOE--WANNA GET THESE DOORS OPEN!



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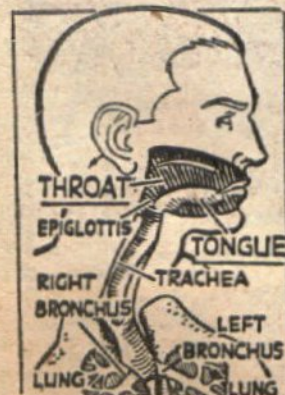
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AAAGGHH!!

WATCH OUT!
AGGHH!!

OPEN UP ON THEM--THEY'RE GOING FOR THEIR GUNS!



MAKE IT SNAPPY, SHORTY AND LANK! I'LL KEEP YA COVERED--JUST IN CASE SOME OF THE PASSENGERS ON THE TRAIN GET NERVOUS! GET THE BAGS OF REGISTERED MAIL--LET THE REST OF THE STUFF GO!



ALL RIGHT, GET ALONG TO THE CAR. YER COMING WITH US. I'M NOT TAKING A CHANCE OF YER TAKING THAT TRAIN RIGHT INTO THE NEXT TOWN AND ALERTING EVERY SHERIFF THIS SIDE OF THE RIO GRANDE!



COME ON--LANK--SNAP IT UP--AND LET'S GET OUTTA HERE--BEFORE THEY GET WISE TO WHAT WE'RE PULLING OFF.

I'M WORKING AS FAST AS I CAN--
O.K., WELLS, GET THE CAR ROLLING!



FIVE MILES FROM THE HAIRPIN TURN--WHERE THE TRAIN HAD BEEN HALTED AND LOOTED--

O.K., MY FRIEND, THIS IS THE END OF THE RIDE FOR YOU! YOU GET OUT--AND YA CAN START HIKING BACK TO THE TRAIN. IT'LL TAKE AN HOUR AT LEAST!

TELL 'EM YOU MET--
"THE TEXAS PHANTOM" HARRY WELLS!



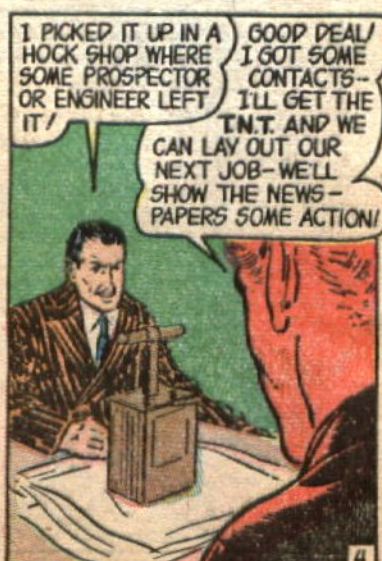
THE TRIO OF HARRY WELLS, SHORTY DELL AND LANK SMITH DRIFTED TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

THIS IS SOMETHING THEY REALLY GOT ME TAGGED! LISTEN TO THIS "TEXAS PHANTOM" AGAIN SHOWED HIS SMOOTH TECHNIQUE IN THE HAIRPIN TRAIN ROBBERY!!



DRESSED IN THE FULL COWBOY REGALIA WHICH HE HAS MADE FAMOUS IN THIS MODERN DAY--THAT'S SOMETHING--LANK! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE!

YEAH, I FINALLY GOT THE CHARGE BOX, WELLS!



I PICKED IT UP IN A HOCK SHOP WHERE SOME PROSPECTOR OR ENGINEER LEFT IT!

GOOD DEAL! I GOT SOME CONTACTS-- I'LL GET THE T.N.T. AND WE CAN LAY OUT OUR NEXT JOB--WE'LL SHOW THE NEWS--PAPERS SOME ACTION!

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1931, HARRY WELLS, "SHORTY" BELL AND LANK SMITH PUT THEIR NEW EQUIPMENT INTO ACTION—

GET READY, SHORTY! THE FIRST CAR IS GONNA BE OVER THAT DYNAMITE IN A COUPLA OF SECONDS! YOU CAN GIVE IT THE WORKS ON THE THIRD CAR!



ONE, TWO, THREE, THIS IS IT—GET SET—THERE SHE GOES!

THAT'S IT! COME ON—LET'S GO—WE WANT TO GET TO THE MAIL CAR BEFORE THEY KNOW WHAT'S HIT THEM!

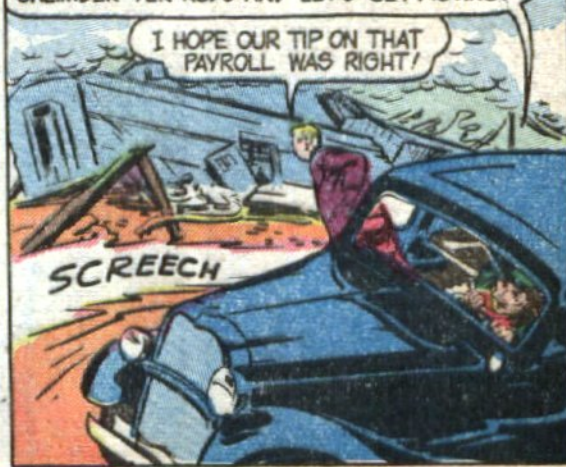


O.K., WELLS—TAKE IT AWAY—I GOT MY FOOT ON THIS THING AND I'LL STICK—GET YER FOOT DOWN ON THAT GAS PEDAL!
GET YER RODS OUT—WE WANT TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING WHEN WE HIT THAT TRAIN!



THAT'S A BREAK! THE FORCE OF THE BLAST KNOCKED THE DOORS OPEN ON THE MAIL CAR! UNLIMBER YER RODS AND LET'S GET MOVING!

I HOPE OUR TIP ON THAT PAYROLL WAS RIGHT!



GOOD—THEY'RE KNOCKED OUT, "SHORTY" AND DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE COMING OR GOING! C'MON FELLA—SNAP OUT OF IT! WHERE'S THE PAYROLL YER CARRYING FOR THAT OIL OUTFIT IN OKLAHOMA CITY?



PAYROLL—PAYROLL?? DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT—OOAHHH MY HEAD—AIEEE!

COME ON—SMARTEN UP—TELL US WHERE THE PAYROLL IS! OR WE'LL OPEN UP WITH A COUPLA SLUGS!



PAYROLL—YA WANT THE PAYROLL—OOAHHH—THE MONEY'S OVER THERE—I DON'T KNOW—OOAHHH—

COME ON, SHORTY, THOSE BAGS IN THE CORNER MUST BE THE PAYROLL!



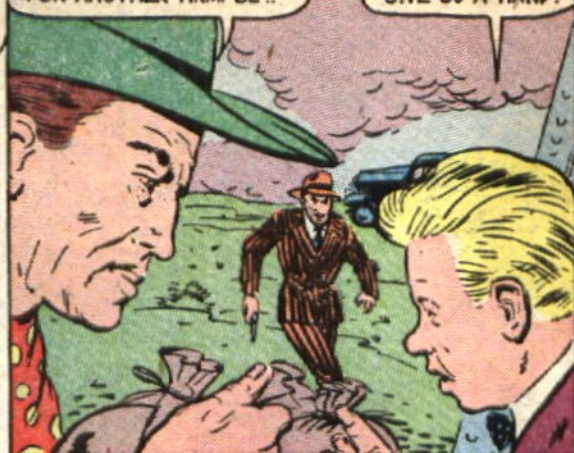
JUST CUT ONE OF THESE BAGS OPEN AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY MISTAKES! SHORTY, COME OVER HERE AND TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

YEAH THAT'S THE REAL STUFF, ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET ALL OF THEM!



THROW THIS PILE OF MONEY BAGS IN THE BACK OF THE CAR, SHORTY, AND THEN COME BACK FOR ANOTHER ARMFUL!!

O.K. HARRY! HEY, LANK, GET OVER HERE AND GIVE US A HAND!



IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, THE MONEY BAGS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE GETAWAY CAR--

THAT'S THE LAST LOAD--WE CAN TAKE OFF AS SOON AS I GET IT IN THE CAR--

YOU CROOKS WON'T GET AWAY--AGHHH!



COME ON, LANK, HOP ON, WE'RE PULLING OUT! IT'S GONNA GET TOO HOT AROUND HERE IN THE NEXT COUPLA MINUTES AND WE DON'T WANNA WAIT TO SEE THE PARTY! WE GOT BUSINESS IN DALLAS!



HARRY WELLS--AND HIS TWO GUNMEN SETTLED IN DALLAS--

I FIGURE THIS PAY-ROLL IS GONNA RUN TO MORE THAN THIRTY THOUSAND BUCKS, SHORTY!

WHEN WE GET FINISHED WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET LANK AT THE GOLDEN BIRD RESTAURANT



AN HOUR LATER IN THE GOLDEN BIRD RESTAURANT--

WE DID PRETTY GOOD--LANK! THE GRAND TOTAL OF THE JOB CAME TO THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND BUCKS! THAT SHOULD KEEP US GOING FOR A WHILE!

GOOD DEAL! YOU GOT SOME PRESS THIS TIME!



SOME PRESS-- SOME ROTTEN PRESS--YA MEAN! THESE DIRTY LYING NEWSPAPERS--LISTEN TO THIS "THE TEXAS PHANTOM"--COWBOY SUIT AND ALL--DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE HISTORIC TEXAS CROOKS OF OLD--WHO NOT ONLY ROBBED TRAINS--



--BUT ALSO BROKE OPEN TIGHTLY GUARDED BANKS! APPARENTLY THE TEXAS PHANTOM IS AFRAID TO TACKLE THE DANGERS OF A BANK HOLDUP! WHY--THE DIRTY RATE! I'LL SHOW THEM!

EASY, HARRY, IT MIGHT NOT BE WORTH IT!



IN SPITE OF THE ADVICE OF HIS GUNMEN, HARRY WELLS WAS DETERMINED TO PROVE TO THE NEWSPAPERS THAT HE WAS A MATCH FOR THE OLD TIME HIGHWAYMEN---

I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY ARE YOU TAKING ME TO A BOOKSTORE?

YOU'LL FIND OUT, SHORTY!

BOOKS

HOWDY MA'AM / I'D LIKE TO GET THREE, BIG, FAT BOOKS--DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE WHAT THEY ARE--SO LONG AS THEY MEET THOSE SPECIFICATIONS!

THREE BOOKS--BIG AND FAT! JUST A MINUTE--I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND!

A MINUTE LATER---

THIS IS THE BEST I COULD DO-- THREE COPIES OF THE BIBLE. I FIGURED THAT A DICTIONARY MIGHT BE TOO BIG!

THAT'S FINE! HERE'S A TEN DOLLAR BILL, KEEP THE CHANGE!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER AT THE HOTEL---

WHERE YOU GUYS BEEN? I WAS BEGINNING TO WORRY!

HARRY'S GOT AN IDEA HE'S GONNA TELL US ABOUT!

JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE, 'SHORTY' AND I'LL SHOW YOU ---

WHAT DID YOU BUY THE BOOKS FOR IF YER CUTTING THEM UP NOW?

THIS IS ALL PART OF THE SCHEME, 'SHORTY'. I'M GONNA PUT THESE BOOKS TO GOOD USE--WATCH!

THERE! NOW WHEN YA CLOSE THE COVER DOWN ON THE BOOK--SEE THE GIMMICK!

YA GOT BRAINS, HARRY, BRAINS!

THEIR PLANS SET--THE CRIMINAL TRIO MOVED IN ON THEIR FIRST BANK CRACKING JOB---

TAKE ME JUST A MINUTE TO GET...THE REST OF THIS GET-UP ON, AND THEN WE'LL BE READY TO TRY OUR STUFF ON THIS SMALL BANK IN LULING!

HERE'S YER FANCY HAT, HARRY. I STILL THINK THEY SPOT YA TOO EASY IN THAT GET-UP!

ON MARCH 5 1934, A STRANGE TRIO ENTERED THE CITIZEN'S STATE BANK IN THE SLEEPY COW TOWN OF LULING TEXAS--

NOW REMEMBER TO WALK INTO THIS HERE BANK CALM AND COOL LIKE SO THEY DON'T SUSPECT ANYTHING/COMING OUT-TURN LEFT AND HEAD BACK HERE TO THE CAR!



OH--THANK YOU!

EXCUSE ME, MA'AM! WE GOT SO ABSORBED IN THESE BOOKS WE WAS CARRYING THAT WE WASN'T WATCHING WHERE WE WERE GOING! GOOD LITERATURE ALWAYS HOLDS OUR INTEREST LIKE THAT!



SECONDS LATER IN THE BANK--

YES, SIR, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? DO YOU HAVE YOUR BANK BOOK?

THIS IS THE ONLY KIND OF A BANK BOOK I HAVE-- BUT I THINK IT MIGHT PROVE INTERESTING TO YOU!



I'M SORRY TO INCONVENIENCE YOU LADY, BUT WE'RE HOLDING THIS BANK UP FOR ALL ITS WORTH! DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE AND DON'T SET OFF ANY ALARMS!



DON'T ANYBODY START LOOSENING THEIR TONSILS IN ORDER TO MAKE SOME NOISE--AND DON'T REACH FOR ANY ROSCOES OR WE'LL START THROWING SOME LEAD!

KEEP 'EM GUESSIN', SHORTY-- "THE TEXAS PHANTOM" WILL HAVE THE CASH IN A SEC'



AS WELLS, SHORTY AND LANK WALKED OUT OF THE BANK WITH \$2482--

SHERIFF! THEY'RE CROOKS! THEY JUST ROBBED THE BANK! DO SOMETHING--STOP THEM!

COME ON--LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!



STOP! OR I'LL SHOOT TO KILL!

COME ON, LANK LET'S GIVE THIS GEEZER THE WORKS WHILE HARRY GETS THE CAR ROLLING AND PICKS US UP!

I'LL GET THE CAR STARTED!



GET SOME DISTANCE FROM ME, SHORTY HE'S FANNING THE TRIGGER ON THAT ROD--AGGHH!

DROP THOSE GUNS AND GET YOUR HANDS UP OR I'LL BLAST BOTH OF YOU!

BLAM! BLAM!



COME ON--HARRY--WE'D BETTER MAKE TRAIL OUTTA HERE-- THAT SHERIFF CAN PUT OUT A FLY'S EYE AT FIFTY YARDS WITH THAT GUN OF HIS-- AGGHH!



BLAM!
BLAM! CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!

I GOT HIM!
--LAST BULLET--
THE GUN'S EMPTY

IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, EVERY POLICE STATION AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM SAN ANTONIO TO CORPUS CHRISTI WAS ALERTED TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HARRY WELLS--THE TEXAS PHANTOM--



GET THIS OUT ON THE RELAY IMMEDIATELY--
THE TEXAS PHANTOM--HARRY WELLS--IN HIS
WESTERN GET-UP--JUST ROBBED THE
LULING BANK--AND
MADE GOOD HIS
ESCAPE!

HARRY WELLS CONTINUED HIS DESPERATE FLIGHT--
DOWN THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL--



I'VE GOT TO PITCH THIS CAR--THE FIRST CHANCE
I GET--AND GET MYSELF ANOTHER ONE! THEY'RE
PROBABLY LOOKING
FOR THIS CAR RIGHT
NOW! THIS CAR IS
AN ADVERTISEMENT
ASKING FOR A GUN
FIGHT WITH THE
COPS!

WELLS' FIRST BREAK CAME WHEN HE OVERPOWERED
TWO DEPUTIES--BY SURPRISE--



WELL, THIS IS IT, I'VE
FINALLY RUN OUTTA
GAS-- I GOTTA GET
ANOTHER CAR--OR
GO AHEAD ON FOOT
FROM HERE ON IN!

LATEST REPORTS WAS
THAT SLICK HARRY WELLS
WAS HEADED IN THIS
DIRECTION--IF SO--THE
BLOCK ON THE BRIDGE
WILL HOLD HIM!

SPUT-SPUT

WHAT A BREAK! I
GET THEIR CAR
AND WEAPONS AT
THE SAME TIME!

GET YER HANDS
UP AND KEEP 'EM
THERE OR I'LL
BLAST YA INTO
THE GROUND!



START WALKING DOWN THE BANK--
UNTIL YA GET TO THE RIVER--THEN
KEEP WALKING WITH YER HANDS
ABOVE YOUR HEAD--UNTIL THE
WATER REACHES
YER BELT!

YOU WON'T GET
FAR, WELLS!



HARRY WELLS MADE OFF WITH
THE 1934 V-8, IDENTIFIED BY ITS
SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEFT SIDE--
AND ITS LICENSE NUMBER 25376--
WITH THE DEPUTIES 30-30 RIFLES.

I HOPE YA ENJOY YER BATH!
THANKS FOR THE CAR AND
RIFLES-- THEY'LL COME IN HANDY!

DON'T WORRY, WELLS.
WE'LL PAY YOU
BACK FOR THIS!



THE DESCRIPTION OF WELL'S CAR WAS BROADCAST AND SOON HE WAS BEING CHASED AT BETTER THAN 95 MILES PER HOUR THROUGH THE TOWN OF WHARTON--

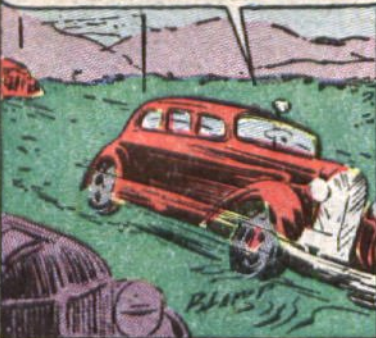
THEY'RE GETTING TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT, AND THAT GAS GAUGE SHOWS I'M RUNNING LOW--I'M GONNA HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SOON!

I LIKE TO TRY A SHOT BUT I'M AFRAID OF HITTING SOME-BODY IN TOWN!



AT 100 MILES PER HOUR--WELLS RACED THROUGH HUNGERFORD--KENPLETON--AND ROSENBERG--

WELL, THE TIRE BLEW--GONNA GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SHOW THOSE DEPUTIES JUST HOW TO HANDLE ONE OF THEIR OWN THIRTY-THIRTY RIFLES! I'LL MAKE IT HOT FOR THEM!



THAT POWERFUL RIFLE IS RIPPING OUR CAR TO PIECES! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.

KEEP YOUR HEAD LOW!



SHOVE OVER--FRIEND--YER GONNA TAKE A SPEED RIDE WITH THE TEXAS PHANTOM! HOPE YER HIDE'S THICK BECAUSE YER GONNA BE SWEATING OUT PLENTY OF LEAD IN THE NEXT COUPLA HOURS!



AT EAST BERNARD, TEXAS, WELLS GOT RID OF THE OWNER OF THE CAR AND GASSED UP--

THANKS FOR THE GAS, FRIEND!! NOW, YOU TWO START WALKING DOWN THAT ROAD--AND DON'T TURN YER HEADS AROUND TO TAKE A LOOK AT ME--CAUSE IF YA DO--I'M GONNA START TOSsing LEAD!



FOR THE MOMENT--HARRY WELLS HAD MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE--UNTIL THE F.B.I. RECEIVED A TIP ON HIS WHEREABOUTS--

HARRY WELLS? YEAH--SURE--I GOT AN IDEA--WHY DON'T YOU TRY HIS OLD HOME--A SHACK--NEAR GLADWATER--IN EAST TEXAS--HE'LL TURN UP THERE!



THE F.B.I.--POLICE OFFICERS--AND SHERIFFS CONVERGED ON THE SHACK NEAR GLADWATER--

WELLS, HOW DO YA LIKE THAT TEAR GAS? THINK YER READY TO COME OUT NOW?

YEAH--YEAH--I'LL COME OUT--HOLD YER FIRE--I'LL COME OUT!



HARRY WELLS RECEIVED A 99 YEAR SENTENCE AT THE DISTRICT COURT OF REFUGIO, TEXAS, FOR HIS TRAIN ROBBERIES--AND LATER RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL 90 YEAR SENTENCE FOR THE LULING BANK HOLDUP--PROVING ONCE MORE THAT--
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